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1. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES UNRWA FACES DIFFICULT DECISIONS
IN HOLDING EXPENSES WITHIN ANTICIPATED INCOME AND ESTABLISH-
ING PRIORITIES AMONG AGENCY ACTIVITIES. WE BELIEVE
COMMISSIONER GENERAL RENNIE HAS DONE EXCELLENT JOB IN
IDENTIFYING AREAS WHERE REDUCTIONS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AND
IN BRINGING FORCEFULLY TO ATTENTION OF SPC AND UNGA
DIFFICULT CHOICES WHICH LIE AHEAD. WE DO NOT BELIEVE
HOWEVER THAT UNGA COULD OR SHOULD MAKE DECISIONS ON HOW
UNRWA SHOULD ECONOMIZE IN CONTEXT CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS.
WE BELIEVE EFFORT TO DO SO WOULD RESULT IN AS MANY
SUGGESTIONS AS SPEAKERS IN GA, BE DISRUPTIVE TO SMOOTH
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MANAGEMENT OF UNRWA AND LEAVE COMGEN EITHER WITH NO CLEAR

GUIDELINES OR WRONG ADVICE.

2. WE BELIEVE COMGEN IS ON RIGHT TRACK IN LAYING OUT PROBLEMS IN SPC, AND MAKING CLEAR TO GA MEMBERS THAT CERTAIN PROGRAMS WILL HAVE TO BE CUT BACK OR DROPPED IN LIGHT ANTICIPATED UNRWA INCOME. EFFORTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO GET UN MEMBERS TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. DECISIONS REGARDING WHICH SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REDUCED OR DROPPED SEEM TO US TO LIE WITHIN COMGEN'S

MANAGERIAL COMPETENCE. HE MAY WISH TO CONSULT ADVISORY COUNCIL IN BEIRUT AND MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTORS. IN LATTER CONNECTION, DEPT. WILLING TO INVITE RENNIE FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON SHOULD HE SO DESIRE.

3. USDEL SHOULD AVOID COMMENTING PUBLICLY ON THIS IN SPC OR ELSEWHERE. IN INTRODUCING US RES, US MAY MAKE GENERAL STATEMENT PRAISING CG'S EXCELLENT WORK, DEPLORING DEFICIT, AND URGING OTHERS TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY, CITING GENEROUS US CONTRIBUTION. RUSH

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